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TAGS: PFOR, BF, CFED  
SUBJ: DEPT OF JUSTICE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

REF: A) TAYLOR/THYDEN TELCON FEB 15 B) NASSAU 70  
C) NASSAU 1743, NOV 4, 1976

1. AS STATED IN REF TELCON EMBASSY FEELS IT HAS EXHAUSTED ALL AVAILABLE MEANS IN ELICITING A RESPONSE TO FOUR LETTERS DRAFTED BY MCBETH OF JUSTICE, AND SENT BY FORMER AMBASSADOR WEISS TO MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY ON DECEMBER 10. KCOPIES OF LETTERS POUCHED TO ARA/CAR). AMBASSADOR OLSON RAISED MATTER IN HIS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WITH ADDERLEY ON JAN. 17 (REFTEL B) LEAVING COPIES OF LETTERS FOR MIN'S READY REFERENCE. HE ALSO BROACHED MATTER WITH ADDERLEY AT GOVGEN'S DINNER ON JAN 26 AND AT THE INDIAN HICOM'S LUNCHEON ON FEB 4. IN ADDITION, MATTER WAS DISCUSSED BY AMB AND THYDEN WITH PERMSEC RUSSELL AT DINNER AT RESIDENCE ON FEB 8. ON EACH OCCASION ADDERLEY MADE A NONCOMMITTAL RESPONSE AS DID RUSSELL.

2. SHORT OF BRINGING MATTER DIRECTLY TO P.M.'S ATTENTION WE SEE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE THAN TO CONTINUE BARRAGE OF QUERIES TO MINEXTAFF, OR DEPARTMENT'S RAISING MATTER DIRECTLY WITH BAHAMIAN AMB JOHNSON. GIVEN FACT THAT SUBJECT OF LETTERS ARE IN WHOLE OR IN PART RELATED TO PROJECTS HAVEN AND TRADEWINDS, THAT THEY RAISE  
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VERY SERIOUS AND COMPLICATED (NOT TO MENTION TIME CONSUMING) LEGAL PROBLEMS FOR GCOB WHICH GO TO HEART OF GCOB'S OVERALL POLICY OF PROMOTINGBATE FOR TAX AVOIDANCE, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE REQUESTS, AND FACT THAT IN ADDERLEY'S WORDS (REF C) THEY ARE MORE RELATED TO A "TAX INVESTIGATIONS" AS OPPOSED TO A "CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS," EMBASSY QUITE

FRANKLY FORESEES NO EARLY RESPONSE AND IN FACT IS NOT SANGUINE THAT GCOB RESPONSE, IF AND WHEN IT ARRIVES, WILL BE POSITIVE.

3. IF IN FACT JUSTICE FINDS IT NECESSARY TO SUBPOENA BAHAMIANS, INCLUDING BAHAMIAN AUTHORITIES, AS INDICATED IN TELCON, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS EARLY AN ADVANCED WARNING AS IS FEASIBLE IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE IMPLICATION SUCH ACTIONS MIGHT RAISE FOR US-GCOB BILATERAL RELATIONS AND TO DETERMINE ON AN AD HOC BASIS WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO DIMINISH PROBABLE ADVERSE FALL OUT. FINALLY, EMBASSY WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE BEING KEPT ABREAST OF CONGRESSIONAL OR OTHER ACTIONS WHICH ARE NOW BEING CONSIDERED OR WHICH MIGHT ARISE IN FUTURE IN RETALIATION FOR ALLEGED BAHAMIAN FAILURE TO COOPERATE IN THIS MATTER OR RELATED MATTERS. IN THIS REGARD WE ALSO FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR DEPARTMENT TO KEEP AMB JOHNSON INFORMED OF SUCH MEASURES. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, EMBASSY IS OF OPINION THAT LITTLE WEIGHT IS GIVEN TO HIS VIEWS BY GCOB MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY. THERE IS NEVERTHELESS POSSIBILITY THAT HE MIGHT STIHTSTININOME#INFLUENCE WITH PM AND OTHERS IN CABINET.  
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